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the Year"*



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the Readers' response

To the Editor:

In the "Question Box" on April 30, a Mr. A. L. Brown asked, "Are those who have died asleep in death awaiting the resurrection or are they awake and realize their surroundings?" and you answered, "They are awake and realize their surroundings according to Luke 16:22, 23 and Revelation 6:9-11." I should like for you to read, "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence," Psalm 115:17. "For in death there is no remembrance of thee," Psalm 6:5. Lazarus recorded in Luke 16 was given to teach not consciousness in death, but that in the judgment riches will avail nothing unless rightly and beneficently used and that poverty will not keep one out of heaven. "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish," Psalm 146:4. We do not know anything when we sleep in this world, and when we are dead. Where do the dead sleep? "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake," Daniel 12:2. See also Ecclesiastes 3:20; 9:10. "So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep," Job 14:12. So death and sleep surely are the same. We know nothing when we sleep. I am sending you places to look in the Bible. 1 Thessalonians 4:13; 1 Corinthians 15:1, 2; John 11:11, 14; Daniel 12:2; Ecclesiastes 3:20; 9:10; Job 14:12; Ecclesiastes 9:5; John 17:13; Job 14:21; Hebrews 11:39, 40.

Mrs. Nance
Juniper, Georgia

To the Editor:

I am happy to say I have had your Evangel in my home for the past year and the Lighted Pathway for a long time. I got my first Evangel at the Church of God in Bowling Green, Kentucky. I have spent some very happy hours reading these publications and have shed many tears while reading them. I am 82 years of age.

Silas Carson
Bowling Green, Kentucky

To the Editor:

I have been a reader of the Evangel for 43 years and it

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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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COVER PICTURE

The Otto Starnes family of Phoenix, Arizona, has been selected as the Church of God "Family of the Year." Here we find them gathered around their record player for a time of fellowship and relaxation. In the family, seated from left to right is Joseph, Jane, Otto Starnes, Annis Starnes, and standing is Jerry. Do not miss the article on pages 8 and 9.

seems that each one is getting better. The February issues seemed the best I have ever read. I was raised in the North Carolina mountains and know something about when the Church of God was organized there and how the saints were persecuted. Brother and Sister Chambers and Brother Boehmer waded snow and ice to evangelize those mountains. As I read Albert H. Batt's message, "Reward for Fasting," in the April 2 issue, I was made to rejoice again because I have always believed in prayer and fasting.

Sallie Mull
Phoenix, Arizona

To the Editor:

I have known the Church of God Evangel for more than twenty-four years. It has come to me in the islands of the seas; it has comforted me on tours in India's jungles and burning, humid swamps; I've read it in the air, on the seas, and on the mountain heights (the Andes). It has always thrilled me, and its contents feed a "certain something" in my inward being. But here of late, something has happened to it. It wields greater power; it sheds more light—it is definitely richer. It is inspirational to a much greater degree. Its whole arrangement is superb. It is colorful, and it is certainly more attractive. I proudly hold it out to my friends. You may not have perfected it, but you are on the right road. May the God of all grace, its Guide and Guardian, give it a wider circulation and greater success in winning souls to His kingdom as you prepare its glowing pages.

(Rev.) C. E. French
Missionary in Peru

To the Editor:

... I appreciate the fine work that is being done by our Church publications, but I am afraid that a great many of our people do not value the printed page as highly as they should in the work of propagating the gospel. You might be interested in knowing that I have been taking the Evangel since 1919 and that it was the medium used by the Lord to bring me into fellowship with the Church of God at Middletown, Ohio. Since 1920 He has, through His grace, chosen to use His humble servant in bringing about 25,000 others into the fold.

(Rev.) J. H. Ingram
Lynwood, California

"Father of the Year"

THE EVANGEL IS HAPPY to present in this issue its *Father of the Year*, Mr. "Pete" Reesor, of Consul, Saskatchewan, Canada. Brother Reesor was chosen from a great number of fathers who had been nominated for the honor. The selection committee was composed of James A. Cross, Assistant General Overseer; W. E. Johnson, Overseer of Tennessee; and Earl P. Paulk, Jr., Pastor of the Hemphill Avenue Church of God, in Atlanta, Georgia.

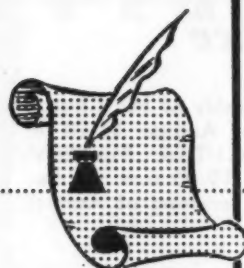
The qualifying points considered in the selection were: (1) the father's application toward the rearing of his children, (2) his faithfulness in taking his family to church, (3) his neighborliness and community responsibility, (4) any special or unusual Christian work he may have done, and (5) a consideration of what his children are now doing. The committee made its selection on the basis of the information sent with the nomination.

James A. Stephens, Overseer of Indiana, says, "Brother Reesor moved to the plains of Saskatchewan, home-steading there near the turn of the century. When Pentecost was introduced to the sparsely settled country, he was one of the first to embrace its doctrine; this later resulted in organizing the Church of God in the little town of Consul. The door to the Reesor home has always been open to Church of God ministers and missionaries. Brother Reesor has been a loyal supporter of the Church through these many years, and records will show that he has given far more than the required amount. The high Christian character of 'Pete' Reesor, his wife, and his family is known and respected throughout Western Canada.

"Brother Reesor brought up his family to work in God's service. His oldest son, 'Jim,' is our missionary to the Philippines; the third son, Bob, is pastoring one of our churches in Montana; his other two sons are Christians and members of the Church of God in Consul; his elder daughter is the wife of a Pentecostal minister; and his younger daughter, Merle, is the wife of M. G. McLuhan, our missionary to Africa."

Those who know Brother Reesor have recommended him highly as *Father of the Year*. His son, James B. Reesor, Missionary to the Philippines, says, "Dad has lived a quiet, unassuming life on his little farm in Western Canada, but I consider him one of God's great men. Only eternity can reveal the good that my wonderful parents have accomplished during their years of Christian service."

Another son, J. H. Reesor, Consul, Saskatchewan, says, "Since his conversion, Dad has given his wholehearted support to the Church program, in the local church and in other departments of the work. He has served on the



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board of The International Bible College of Estevan, and has supported the educational program of the Church in every way possible, including providing several students from his own family."

Honorable mention is given to two other outstanding fathers: Mr. Oscar Vlk, of Big Timber, Montana, and the Reverend Bascom Stanley, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The *Evangel* congratulates these wonderful men who are examples of the many great fathers in the Church of God. It is through their faithfulness and their strength that the work of God continues to prosper among us.

"Family of the Year"

IN NAMING A *Family of the Year* the selection committee considers the following points: (1) the number that are Christians, (2) the work done by members of the family, (3) church activities, (4) faithfulness in family devotions, (5) the family as a unit, (6) the family activities, (7) the provision for spiritual, mental, and physical growth.

Selected as *Family of the Year* is the family of Otto Starnes, of Phoenix, Arizona. This family was featured in the *Arizona Republic* recently as one of the outstanding families of Phoenix.

Their pastor, Brother Hurschel L. Diffie, and Brother C. W. Collins, Overseer of Arizona, and all who know the Starnes recommend them highly as an ideal Christian family.

The *Evangel* features a *Family of the Year* in a frank effort to encourage greater family life among its readers everywhere. This is a day in which we need devoted, wholesome, consecrated families who pray together, play together, and stay together. The great need of today is to combat the appalling rise of juvenile and adult delinquency, to make every church a better church, every community a better community and the world a better world.

Honorable mention is given to the Otto Gied family, of Albany, Oregon. The Gied family is outstanding in their church and community. The need of the Church of God is to have more families like the Starnes and the Gieds. We pay tribute to the thousands of Church of God families whom they represent.

BULLETIN BOARD

Notice

The General Assembly of the Church of God will convene August 14-18 in Memphis, Tennessee. The Ministers' Council will meet at 10:00 a.m. on August 14 through the evening of August 18.

The Mississippi Camp Meeting will convene June 18-23 at Hattiesburg. J. Frank Spivey will be the night speaker.

The California-Nevada Camp Meeting will convene June 18-24 at the fairgrounds in Tulane, California.

The Georgia Camp Meeting will convene June 18-24 at the campground in Doraville. Ray H. Hughes will be the night speaker and David Lemons will be the Bible teacher.

The Illinois Camp Meeting will convene June 18-24 at the campground in Benton. Vep Ellis will be the night speaker.

The Kansas Camp Meeting will convene June 18-24 at Cherryvale. J. David Pitts will be the night speaker.

The North and South Dakota Camp Meeting will convene June 18-24 at Minot, North Dakota.

The Tennessee Camp Meeting will convene June 18-24 at the campground in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A. V. Childers will be the night speaker and Billy Sunday Myers will be the Bible teacher.

The Spanish Convention will convene June 21-23 at 1710 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Do you have a musical talent you would like to use for God in a needy field? We are interested in securing someone with ability in music to help on the Franklin, North Carolina, District. There are several new factories in this area for work, and the mountains are a beautiful place in which to make your home. Piano players and music directors are needed in this field. For more information write to Rev. W. D. Walker, Route 2, Franklin, North Carolina.

Our prayer band prays each night for the sick. We would be happy to receive requests, whatever the need may be. Send your request to Dixie Page, 1305 South Cortland, Kokomo, Indiana.

If anyone of you have friends or relatives located at Bunker Hill Air Base, please send me their names and serial numbers if you would like for me to contact them. The Church of God is on the corner of Harrison and Market Streets in Kokomo, Indiana, which is less than ten miles from the base.—C. E. Swenson, Pastor. Phone 2-3292.

I have a tent for sale. It is 30 by 40 feet with a 14-foot center. It has been set up only twice and was made new to order. I will sell it with the poles and lightwire for only \$500.—Howard Loy, Route 2, Sandpoint, Idaho.

OUR HOME and GOD

By Frank Carlson

United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

*Blessed are they who build families
For they are the builders of the world.
Leland Foster Wood*

THE HOME IS the basic unit of our society and someone has truly said, "as goes the home, so goes the Nation."

Far too often parents have left the responsibility of the early training of their children to the church, the public school and the community.

While the above-mentioned institutions and agencies are important in the life of our children, the childhood training in a home determines largely the adult life of the individual.

The fundamental responsibility of every father and mother is the nurture of the religious life in the home. Fortunate indeed is the child that is nurtured in a home where the family altar is preserved in the worship of their Heavenly Father. As these children grow and reach adolescent age, they will have a knowledge of their Creator and an abiding faith in their Lord and Saviour. These will serve as an anchor and be of inestimable value when trials and temptations beset them—as they most certainly will.

Some years ago a very prominent man told me how important he felt the early home training and Sunday School had been in helping his own son through the age period of fourteen to eighteen years. This man stated if our young people have the background to get through this period, we can feel that their future is secure. This has been my personal observation.

Not only that, I am deeply indebted to my parents, who have gone to their heavenly reward, for the early training in a Christian home, for the hours my mother spent in giving me instruction in the Scriptures, for their parental prayers and for a home where the atmosphere was conducive to the development of Christian character.

While it is true that there have been many changes in our home life within the last fifty years, the fact remains that the stability of our economic, social and religious life still depends on the family affections and a devotion to spiritual ideals.

If we are to continue to enjoy the heritage left us by those who have given us this great nation, we must again restore the family altars in the home and give our children and their children the same sound, fundamental Christian training for which we are indebted to those who have gone before. We break faith with them and with God if we do less.

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A Father's Prayer

By Earl P. Paulk, Jr.

Pastor, Hemphill Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia

Luke 11:9-13, *And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. IF A SON SHALL ASK BREAD OF ANY OF YOU THAT IS A FATHER, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE SHALL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THEM THAT ASK HIM?*

THE MEN WHO HAVE left the greatest impact upon the world for the cause of God were praying men. Yet, it often seems that the thing most easily left out of our daily activities is prayer. Also, far too few Christians understand the principles that bring to pass what might be called successful praying. Therefore, it occurs to me that one of the main points that need stressing this *Father's Day* is the need to revive the prayer life of Dad.

Great and many responsibilities rest upon the shoulders of the head of the family. There is the task of providing for the material necessities of the household. Then, there is the matter of education and training to be considered. The problem of security is a constant thought of the Father. Discipline, though often unpleasant, is important in the home life. However, the greatest responsibility of the man of the house is as *spiritual leader of the home*.

Since the father is spiritual leader of the home, *he must be a man of prayer*. It is through the means of prayer that man is able to stay in communion with God. Then, if a man is spiritual, he must pray. He should then demand of himself to learn the *scriptural way* to pray unto the Heavenly Father. Is prayer a hit-or-miss proposition? Can one really depend upon its force in everyday living? Is it something to be used only in the time of emergency? Is it a group of phrases to be passed on to the children? After all, does God really answer prayer?

Just as there are principles that govern the natural law, there are those that control prayer. When the glass drops from the table, we know that it will fall to the floor—not float to the ceiling. This is the law of gravity in operation. We know that water will turn into vapor if enough heat is applied. Are we as certain about prayer as we are about these laws? Are the Scriptures vague at this point? Perhaps, we should ask Mark, the Gospel writer. His reply is found in Mark 11:24, "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye

pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

The father may say at this point, "How simple and easy, just pray and believe that I have what I desire and it is mine." Now, do not go too fast; remember that Jesus was taking a lot for granted when He gave this promise. The very next verse of Mark says, "And when ye stand praying, *forgive*, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses," Mark 11:25. We here learn that our relationship with our fellow man actually affects our relationship with God, our Heavenly Father.

On the matter of human relationship affecting contact with God, let us hear the witness of Peter. "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; *that your prayers be not hindered*," 1 Peter 3:7. The Apostle is warning that by not dealing aright with the wife, the prayer of the husband is actually hindered in its effectiveness. Now remember, when you pray for a thing you desire that your heart must be free of malice toward your neighbor. Also, your treatment of your family must stand the test before God. These are principles that definitely govern prayer.

John adds his revelation of prayer for our benefit. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, *because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight*," 1 John 3:22. If our prayers are to be heard of God, we must keep His commandments. This means that we must keep all of the commands of God. Obedience is the key word here. Also, we must live pleasingly before Him. Then, we can ask what we will and God will grant it. Do not forget, however, if we keep His complete commandments, we will no longer be selfish in our prayers. His commandment is that we love our neighbor as ourselves.

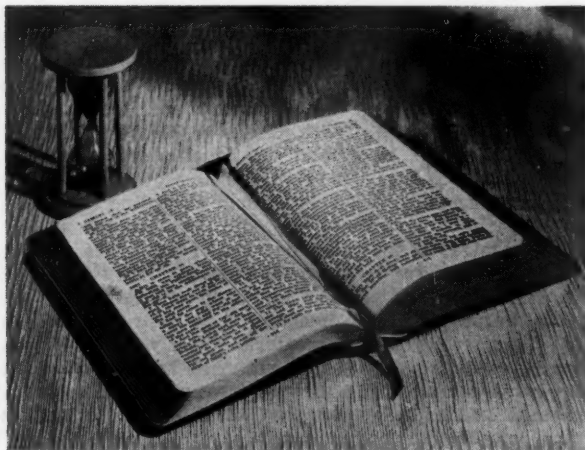
ARE THERE OTHER matters that influence the effectiveness of Dad's prayers? Matthew challenges the prayer life in his Gospel, "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to the Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret will reward thee openly," Matthew 6:6 Surely, there is a place for public prayer and for family devotions. However, for *personal power with God one must go into the closet*. When it is broadcast that one has prayed for so long, he has gained his reward from the applause of man, *but not from God*. Prayer is a secret that is to be kept between God and the seeker.

If prayer follows the requirements of God, there is no such thing as a prayer's being unanswered. Faith, when properly understood, takes the answer God gives, as the

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The Book to Live By

By Dr. Harold Lundquist
Director of Evangelical Welfare Association



*The word of God which liveth and abideth forever,
I Peter 1:23.*

WHEN SIR Walter Scott was about to die, he asked for "The book." Thinking of the great books he had written and of his extensive library, his family asked, "Which book?" He replied, "There is only one Book for a time like this and that is *the Book—The Bible.*"

He was so right, for the Bible is indeed the Book to die by; but in an even richer and deeper sense, it is the Book by which we may live victorious and fruitful lives. It is the Book which meets the problems and needs of the individual and the family in day by day living for God's glory. Our Lord made that clear on that day when He was tempted to meet His physical hunger by a miracle. He replied, "It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4 quoting Deuteronomy 8:3).

Observe how the living and abiding Word of God measures up in every circumstance and situation
I. You Can Live by It in the Crisis of Life

That is exactly what our Lord did when He met the great temptations of Satan (Luke 4). His perfect and assured answer was, "It is written," and then He quoted pertinent Scripture.

Does it work for ordinary men in the midst of life's struggles? It does! We recall the young naval officer who, before facing his first battle, read the word of John 14:27, "My peace I give unto you . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." He said afterward, "I was excited but I was not afraid. God's presence was with me."

Ah, but you may say, "It is not the crisis that troubles me. My problem is to bear the daily burdens of life. Then, remember that

II. You Can Live by It Under Life's Crushing Load

We think of the man who had lost his sight. As he learned to read Braille, his fingers spelled out the words of Psalm 34:22, "The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate"—and he found peace for his soul.

Yes, we know that at times it seems that it would be easier to die for Christ than to live for Him, but then we may find such a word as Isaiah 26:3 to be sufficient. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."

Possibly your problem centers around your daily work. The Bible is also helpful here for

III. You Can Live by It in Business

Yes, the Book works on the job provided we put first things first. Let me tell you about the salesman who had been a failure until he put God and His Word in first place and then became a confident and capable worker. When asked about it, he said, "Being a Christian is more important to me than selling these typewriters." And so he sold typewriters!

And now a final word on this subject which we could easily extend to great length. We note the place where the Bible finds its greatest usefulness as we say

IV. You Can Live by It in Your Work and Testimony for God.

We are all planters of the seed of the gospel. The parable of the various kinds of soil in Matthew 13 teaches us where and when it will grow—and, thank God, it *will* grow.

Disappointments and discouragement? Yes, they are part of the daily portion of the one who faithfully presents the gospel, but God provides in His Word the needed strength to meet such difficulties. The Book is full of promises which brighten the pathway of the believer who witnesses for God.

We heard of a preacher upon whom one of those impossible tasks had come. A measure of failure had broken his spirit when he came upon Isaiah 42:1-4. "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in Whom my soul delighteth, . . . *He shall not fail or be discouraged.*" He went forward never again to be mastered by disappointment or failure!

So there it stands in all its beauty and glory—the Book to live by, day by day—yes, moment by moment in our hearts, in our homes, in our work, in hours of trial and hours of victory and always in our testimony to Him, and His grace and power.

Where is your Bible today? How often do you look into its delightful pages? How much power does it have in your life?

For every member of the family in your home the Bible is the Book to live by!

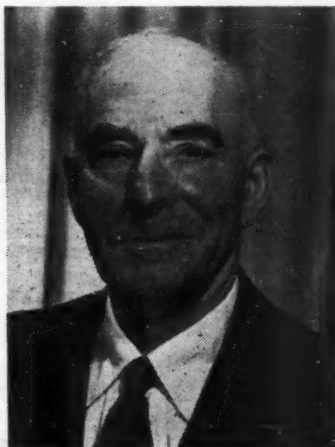
A Successful Christian Father

By Mrs. M. G. McLuban
Kroonstad, Orange Free State, South Africa

OUR CHURCH OF GOD Father of the Year for 1956 is Brother D. H. P. Reesor. He is known as "Pete" Reesor in the community in Western Canada where he has been a colorful figure for more than fifty years. By the church members there, he is affectionately called "Brother Pete."

Brother Reesor was born on January 2, 1884, near Markham, Ontario, Canada. He is one of a family of nine who shared with him a rich heritage from forebears who were famous pioneers in Canada and Pennsylvania from whence they migrated to Ontario. He was just a boy when the challenge of the opening West intrigued him, and, at about the turn of the century, he moved into the Battle Creek area not far from the famous Canadian Mounted Police post of Fort Walsh. From the very first, his humble log cabin became famous as a point of hospitality and true pioneer atmosphere. His friends have been thrilled many times when hearing him recount the hardships of those early days when the long winters with their semi-arctic temperatures and raging blizzards settled down upon the uncharted West.

Early in 1913, he married Miss Besie Brower, and the young couple set



Mr. D. H. P. "Pete" Reesor

themselves to the task of carving a home and a living out of the new country. Little did they realize in those days that of the six children who were to be born to them four would become full-time laborers in the work of Jesus Christ and the other two would also be faithful Christians. For almost twenty years they attended the Brethren Church as the full-gospel message was not yet known in that area.

Their first child, Margaret, was born in December, of 1913. James was

born in March, of 1915; Joseph was born in March, of 1919; and Merle in November, of 1920; Robert was born in March, of 1930; and Ronald in December, of 1936. Sister Reesor, a woman of intense religious background, shared with her husband the deep concern brought about by the task of raising the family successfully in the somewhat rough and ready atmosphere of the now roaring West. They attended the gospel meetings conducted by two Church of God lady evangelists in 1931, and there under the preaching of Sisters Josephine Walker and Helen Swanson (now Myren), they, with the four elder children, found Christ as their Saviour. Not long afterward Brother Paul Walker organized a Church of God right there in Consul, Saskatchewan, a growing little town about one mile from the Reesor homestead.

Since those days Brother Reesor has been a faithful Christian, and has always played a leading part as a church member. He served as church clerk for many years, and most of the special speakers and church visitors made the Reesor home their stopping place. This has endeared them to many of our officials who have been to Western Canada during conventions, and so forth. From the time

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Brother Reesor at work on the old homestead.

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Brother and Sister Reesor with three of their grandchildren at home.

The Church of God

"Family of the Year"



By Hurschel L. Diffie

Pastor, Forty-fourth Street Church of God

Phoenix, Arizona



Pray Together

Play Together

Stay Together

OTTO AND ANNIS STARNES, Jerry, Jane, and Joseph are all Christians, have been baptized in water, and all, except Joseph, who is seven years of age, are members of the Forty-fourth Street Church of God in Phoenix, Arizona.

Brother Starnes was born the first of seven children into a Methodist home in Honaker, Virginia. He received his education through high school in the Honaker school system. He received much of his training in electrical work while working with his father who was a general contractor.

Sister Starnes was born Annis Taylor, third in a family of eight children born into the home of a Church of Christ minister. Her father, the Reverend Marion F. Taylor, as most ministers do, had to move his family more often than the average family moves. As a result of such moves in his ministerial work, Annis attended grammar school in three different states—Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky—though she received her high school training in Honaker, Virginia.

Before meeting Brother Starnes, Sister Starnes was married to Edd Boyd who was later killed in a mine blast. To this union was born a daughter, Phyllis, who now is Mrs. Bob Hern of Tucson, Arizona. She, with her two children, attends the Church of God in Tucson.

Brother and Sister Starnes were married on December 24, 1938, in Honaker, Virginia. They began their active work in the Freewill Baptist Church where Brother Starnes was elected as trustee and deacon and Sister Starnes was secretary and treasurer, and Sunday School teacher.

In 1941, they moved to Centerburg, Ohio, where in the Wesleyan Methodist Church they continued their work for God. Brother Starnes served as Sunday School superintendent and Sister Starnes was Sunday School teacher and youth director. While in Ohio Brother Starnes worked as an electrician for the Pennsylvania Railroad Union Station in Columbus during which time Jerry and Jane were born into their home.

In 1947, the Starnes moved to Phoenix, Arizona. Being regular churchgoers, they immediately found a church to attend and it was the church which now is the Forty-fourth Street Church of God. In a revival in March, 1947, they both received the Holy Ghost baptism and later joined the Church. In December of 1948, their youngest son, Joseph, was born.

BROTHER AND SISTER Starnes have been very conscientious in their work for God in the Church. Brother Starnes has served as Sunday School superintendent, youth director, and Sunday School teacher. He is now serving as a member of the church board of councillors, as assistant Sunday School superintendent, vice-president of Y.P.E., and one of the church choir leaders. Also, he sings in a male quartet.

Brother Starnes, along with many other fine men of the Church, has been very faithful on helping to build a new church, parsonage, and Sunday School building for the church. He is employed by Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, where he has worked for several years.

Sister Starnes has been active in the Church, along with her husband. She has taught Sunday School classes, Daily Vacation Bible School, and worked on the youth program committee. She has directed junior Y.P.E., Chil-

dren's Church, and taught in youth camp. She now sings in the choir and teaches the Junior Girls' Sunday School class.

Jerry, a student in the seventh grade; Jane, in the fifth; and Joseph, in the first grade, all attend Washington School. They all sing in the church's junior choir, and are members of the junior Y.P.E.

The Starnes family believes in doing things together. In their home, each has his jobs to do; in their schedule, there is time left for play together. They have one evening each week set aside for a family picnic or for family recreational activities away from home. When their devotion time comes in the evening, all participate in the reading of the Bible and prayer. One favorite pastime of the whole family is gathering around the phonograph to listen to recordings of gospel quartets. Another pastime is gathering in the evening to hear Sister Starnes read good books to the family. They believe in reading good literature. They are regular subscribers to the *Church of God Evangel*, the *Lighted Pathway*, and are members of all three divisions of the Pathway Book Club. They have, and highly recommend the book *Like a Mighty Army*, by Charles W. Conn, Editor-in-Chief of Church of God Publications. The family together attends weekly lessons at a music studio.

The Starnes say they credit their seventeen years of happy married life to the fact that they have had God's blessings with them. "Had it not been for God's blessings things would have been different, I am sure," says Sister Starnes. Those who know the Starnes family are inspired by their devotion to each other, to God, and to the Church. Brother and Sister Starnes are interested in civic affairs. They are members of the Parent-Teacher's Association and are active in any worthwhile, wholesome community activity.

The younger Starnes are looking forward to attending Lee College. That is the hope and plan of the parents for them—that they shall become great workers for the Lord.

Brother and Sister Starnes believe in and support every department of the Church. They are regular tithers, and regularly contribute to missions and every other Church project.

Sister Starnes' mother is a member of the Church of God, and her sister, Mrs. Cora Watson, who worshiped in the Forty-fourth Street Church after she received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in the same revival in which the Starnes received it, is a minister in the Church. Sister Watson is now pastoring the Church of God which she started about three years ago. Also, Sister Starnes' nephew, Bill Watson, is a minister in the Church and, recently, he has been working in Mexico, Panama, and Central America. At the present, he is on leave and attending Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.

The Starnes live in a quiet neighborhood in northwest Phoenix about twelve miles from church, yet they are very faithful in their church attendance.

The Forty-fourth Street Church of God would be at a loss without the Starnes family. Their family is a happy unit, and we believe them to be the kind of family which God intended a family should be—a family which sings together, plays together, worships together, and works together.



During devotion time in the evening all the family participates in the reading of the Bible and prayer.



The Starnes family (on the second row) attend church regularly at the Forty-fourth Street Church of God in Phoenix where they take an active part in the church work.



The family has one evening each week set aside for a family picnic or for family activities away from home.



REVEREND BASCOM STANLEY

H T. STATUM, Overseer of Mississippi, says, "Brother Stanley is fifty-seven years old, has been married thirty-seven years, and is the father of three children—J. B., age thirty-four; Perdue, age thirty-one; and Mary Jane, age twenty-four. Brother Stanley faced many adverse circumstances in educating his children. Having a foresight of the advantages that being well educated would give his children, he was determined to make the necessary sacrifice in order that his children might have a richer life by being well educated. Brother Stanley and his entire family are graduates of the Church of God Bible School (Lee College). J. B. is a loyal member of the Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Church, serving on the board of trustees of the local church. Also, he works in the chemistry department of a large Mississippi concern. Perdue is editor of the Church of God Sunday School literature. Mary Jane is married and is a housewife living in Palm Beach, Florida. She is also a loyal member of the Church of God. Brother Stanley is not only a good father to his immediate family, but he is a father

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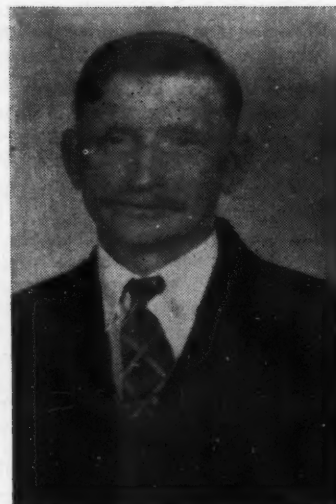
"Father of the Year"

"The glory of children are their fathers," Proverbs 17:6.

"Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise," Ephesians 6:2.

"Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," Ephesians 6:4.

to the young people of his church. As his overseer, I find that he is willing to work in any capacity of the ministry whether or not it is to his advantage. Being an outstanding Christian father, Brother Stanley not only saw to the welfare of his children from an educational standpoint, but he also had their eternal welfare in mind. He raised his children according to the Scripture, knowing that the Bible is true in teaching that if we bring up our children in the way they should go when they are old they will not depart from it.



MR. OSCAR VIK

A E. ERICKSON, Overseer of Montana, says, "Probably, no one has served the Church more faithfully than Brother Vik. In the war years, especially, when the young men of the Church had answered the call of their country and were off to war, the attendance at the church services dwindled. Only a handful were present for service after service, with no new faces among them. In the midst of discouragement, he stood as a pillar lending encouragement. He felt that there would dawn a brighter day, and he was not disappointed. Much of the local church's progress was due to his unwavering faith; his regular church attendance in all kinds of weather, and his support in every church project, financial and otherwise. His esteem in the community is not lessened by the family he has reared and it in turn has graced the influence of this home. All four of his children are ardent Christians and members of the Church of God and are regular attendants taking active parts in the program of the Church in their respective communities."

A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN FATHER

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that our Church of God Bible School for Western Canada had its start in 1936 to this present time, Brother Reesor has been an active supporter with both farm produce and money. He has also been a very faithful supporter of the missions program, and this fact is emphasized when we re-

member that two of the family are laboring in foreign fields.

Brother Reesor is a man of few words. He is highly respected in his community, not only as one of the old pioneers, but as an outstanding Christian. His home has always been a center of hospitality for friends and strangers alike. The warm hospitality found in the old log house has made it a favorite place for cottage prayer

in full-time Christian work.

Margaret, the eldest daughter, now meetings, young people's meetings, and friendly gatherings. The family altar has been a permanent institution and a daily observance in Brother and Sister Reesor's home, and it has brought forth its fruits. Today all of the children are saved, and four of the six are scattered far from home

Honorable Mention for

"Family of the Year"



The OTTO GIED Family

D. G. HOMNER, Overseer of Washington-Oregon, says, "There are six members of this family with three girls and one boy. This family is outstanding in that there seems to be such perfect unity and understanding in this whole family one for the other. Brother and Sister Gied are faithful in their home Christian training of their family. The family altar is observed each day with each member of the family reading a portion from the Word. The children have been active in the Church ever since they were able to 'carry a tune.' The entire family is musical and it makes a

Mrs. David Green, is living in Auburn, Washington, where she is ably assisting her husband who is the pastor of the Church of God. The oldest son James, with his family, has recently been appointed as Church of God missionary to the Philippines. He has been in full-time ministry with our Church for many years. Joseph, the second son, is farming in the Consul District and lives just across the road from the old homestead. He and his family are active in the local church program and, especially, in the Y.P.E.; he, as his father, is highly respected in the community. Merle,

the second daughter, who became Mrs. M. G. McLuhan, has served with her husband in various capacities in the Church. She, at present, is assisting her husband in Bible School and mission work in Southern Africa. The third son, Robert, with his family, is serving as the pastor of the Church of God in Harlowton, Montana. Robert has been pastoring for several years, having also taught in the International Bible College in Western Canada. The fourth son, Ronald, who is the youngest of the family, attended High School at the International Bible College. He is now helping his

father on the farm, and is taking an active part in the local Y.P.E.

The fact that all his children are Christians furnishes clear proof that as a family man Brother Reesor has not only set a Christian example but, together with his consecrated wife, has "trained up" his children in the way they should go. Where so many have failed, he has been successful. Many parents merely lay down precepts for their children to follow, but Brother Reesor has taught his children how to follow the precepts that he embraces. This is the hallmark of successful Christian fatherhood.

lovely sight to see them all sing in church or gather around the piano. The children have a real respect for the Church of God and know what it means to be a member of the Church. Their only boy just graduated from high school and attended one semester at Lee. At present he is in Alaska working and also helping with the Church in Ketchikan, Alaska. He plans to go to college and take up engineering. You never hear this family saying an unkind word about anyone. They are true blue, loyal Church of God members."



A FATHER'S PRAYER

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answer to the prayer. But remember if the principles of God's Word are followed, God will hear and answer prayer. There are many other scriptural teachings concerning prayer that could be mentioned if space permitted it. However, the few given may provide help for some.

Notice again the scriptural passage given at the beginning of the article. "If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, *how much more shall your heavenly Father give.*" Stop here and realize this great promise of God. He is reminding that it is His desire to grant us the good things of life. Truly, He stands waiting for us to qualify in our prayer lives so the answers can be given. We are responsible for the failures of prayer. God has revealed unto us the methods and matters of importance concerning prayer. It is left for us to heed.

A few years ago it fell my lot to stand by the bedside of a dying man. He had been in the armed services and after returning home found that he was dying. In my visit with him, he made confession of Christ as Saviour. He said that all was well with his soul and that he was ready to meet God. Then, he suddenly began to cry. After some time he gained control of himself and said, "Preacher, my boys have never heard me pray." He went on to say, "They can remember that I took them to the theatre and the ball games. Though I have now given my heart to God," he went on, "my boys will never know I was a praying dad."

What about you, Dad? Are you known in your family as a praying father? Are you on praying terms with your Heavenly Father? If not, turn *immediately to Christ*, for He stands ready to grant unto you eternal life now.

Twenty-five Added to Church in Detroit

DETROIT (TRUMBULL AVENUE), Mich.—The Trumbull Avenue Church of God here in Detroit, recently, enjoyed a four weeks' revival conducted by Brother and Sister Joel Stamper, from Pryor, Oklahoma. With the inspiration of our good pastor, Brother Henry Robertson, and the dynamic messages of the evangelist the revival was successful. Thirty-seven were saved, 17 sanctified, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 25 added to the Church. I feel as if any church would be blessed to have Brother Stamper for a revival. He stands wholeheartedly for the full gospel and the Church. Pray for our continued success in the Lord's work. This revival will be remembered long.—Johnnie Rice, Clerk.

Progress Reported in Alabama

EAST BREWTON, Ala.—Recently, we had a revival with Brother Carlton Mooney, from Brewton, Alabama, as the evangelist. Sixteen were saved, 2 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the Church. We are expecting more to unite with the Church later. Also, some received healing for their bodies. Brother Mooney was a great blessing to our church. Since coming to Brewton our membership has doubled, and we have added four Sunday School rooms, painted the church inside, and bought 2 new heaters and a 30-inch window fan for the church. All this is clear of debt. We have also been working on the parsonage, sealing it inside with sheetrock and insulating with twin-tile overhead. We bought 2 heaters, a nice kitchen range, and a nice bedroom suite for the parsonage. God is really blessing us.—Lillie Mae Allen, Pastor.

Great Crowds Attend Meeting

DETROIT (TABERNACLE), Mich.—Brother J. David Pitts, of Louisville, Kentucky, has just closed one of the most successful five-night campaigns in the history of the Church of God Tabernacle. Several were saved, 11 were filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 were added to the Church, and there were many great healings. The crowds were the best week-night crowds we have ever had, and the interest and enthusiasm were tremendous. We believe if Brother Pitts could have stayed longer we would have had a landslide revival with far-reaching effects.—L. Luther Turner, Pastor.

Father and Son Conduct Revival

WEST VERNOR HIGHWAY (DETROIT), Mich.—We should like to sound a note of praise to the Lord for a fine revival, from April 1 to April 22, conducted by Brother G. F. Crank and his son, John. These brothers did



a fine work. Twelve were saved, 7 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 added to the Church. We thank the Lord for this revival.—A. H. Tribble, Pastor.

Aged Lady Receives Holy Ghost

HARRIS CHAPEL, N. C.—The best and most beneficial local revival which this church has had in some years is in progress at Harris Chapel, R.F.D. 2, U.S. Highway 64, Culberson, North Carolina. So far there have been about 15 experiences. Three or four, including one lady 77 years of age, have received their baptism in the Spirit. The meeting is still in progress, with the Geren Brothers in charge.—Glover P. Ledford, Pastor.

Salvation and Healings During Revival

NEON, Ky.—We are praising the Lord for His great blessings in the Church of God at Neon. We have been having a revival in our regular services. Eighteen have been saved, 4 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 6 baptized in water, and 5 added to the Church. Also, great healings of asthma, arthritis, partial deafness, etc. have taken place. The Church, since the month of January, has raised the budget of \$264 and their payment of \$564. The Lord is still blessing, and we are expecting greater things.—John R. Gouge, Pastor.

Church Organized After Revival

SOUTH MEMPHIS, Tenn.—We have just had a good revival with Sister Vinnie Baker, a young 18-year-old evangelist from McCrory, Arkansas. Sister Baker was with us three weeks in one of the best spiritual revivals that I have attended recently. Many were in the altar seeking God each night, and many found the experience they were seeking. We baptized three in water at the close of the revival and organized the church with 23 charter members. Other prospective members were won during the revival. Sister Baker is an outstanding woman evangelist and will bless any church with her Bible ministry.—Hugh D. Johnson, Pastor.

Outstanding Revival at Mountain View

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Tenn.—We, recently, had one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church. Twenty-seven were saved, 10 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the Church. Sister Dorothy Petty, the evangelist, did some excellent preaching and was a real blessing to our church. The Lord has blessed us in every department of

our church. We are thankful for this. We all appreciate the fine job our pastor and his wife are doing with our church. We think Brother and Sister Redden are two of the best when it comes to working for the church. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless our efforts for Him.—Betty Wright.

Nineteen Saved in Kentucky Revival

COUCHES FORK, Ky.—Brother J. P. Morgan, of the Church of God in Dressen, recently conducted us a four weeks' revival in which 19 were saved, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 9 baptized in water, and 7 added to the Church. The church was blessed with the revival. Brother Jack Minard is our pastor.—Thomas Hensley, Clerk.

Sunday School Helped by Meeting

MT. CLINTON, Va.—We have just completed an eight-day revival with T. W. Norris, of Richmond, Virginia, as the evangelist. Brother Norris preached inspiring messages from night to night, and one outstanding message that yet lives in our hearts was a Sunday morning message on the doctrine of the Church. Two were saved, one was reclaimed, one was sanctified, one was filled with the Holy Ghost, and two were added to the Church. While Brother and Sister Norris were with us our church was greatly blessed. Our Sunday School attendance increased and is continuing on the upward trend. Brother Norris is a sincere Church of God minister.—Harry M. Miller, Pastor.

Eleven Saved in West Virginia Revival

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.—Recently, we had a wonderful revival at the Church of God at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Eleven were saved, 20 baptized in water, and 15 added to the Church. Our evangelist, Miss Shirley McCarn, of Belmont, North Carolina, is a wonderful preacher, and the church was greatly blessed by her ministry.—Mrs. Nettie Hall.

Evangelists Appreciated by Church

CONNERSVILLE, Ind.—We have been in a great soul-inspiring revival conducted by Brother R. W. Stroupe and his wife. These people are Spirit-filled, musical, and talented preachers and are doing a great work for the Church of God and God's kingdom. The revival started April 15 and they left April 28 for another appointment. We have had a great success with these fine God-loving evangelists. The revival is still in progress with our pastor and his wife as the evangelists. Pray for us.—W. T. Warren, Pastor.

Healed After Nerve Injury

BALTIMORE, Md.—I praise God for His precious Son, Jesus. When you have Jesus in your life, you have everything. I am so glad for Jesus, and I want to witness for Him. On March 26, I was in a street car accident. The nerves in my right shoulder, side, and neck were injured. I have suffered severe headaches and had trouble with my neck and back. Four different doctors told me that only time would heal the strain. I called our pastor and his wife to pray for me. They made several visits. Also, the Brooklyn Church was praying. On Friday, April 5, I suffered all day, and that evening our pastor and his wife came and prayed for me before they went to church for the youth revival. At church they asked special prayer for my healing. At about one o'clock that night my cousin woke suddenly with a burden and got up and prayed until about two o'clock. At about one o'clock I was so sick that I woke my husband. I thought I was having an attack of indigestion. As each pain got harder, I moaned and suffered until I woke my neighbors. I suffered death and thought it was the end. I began to search myself to see if there was anything between my soul and my Saviour. We called my pastor and his wife. They came and prayed for me with my husband. All at once the pain left. Suddenly Jesus came and I could feel His precious healing virtue. I was weak and exhausted. It was so wonderful to have relief from the pain, but it was so much more wonderful to know that Jesus was with me. Though I did go through the valley of the shadow of death, I was not afraid for there was a deep-settled peace in all the suffering. My husband said it was about two o'clock when the doctor came; my neighbor had called him. He gave me an examination and said my blood pressure was low. I had all indications of a heart attack. He said that I should keep my bed and come to him on Monday for an electrocardiogram. I was to take only one trip downstairs a day and to take one stairstep at a time, counting seven before I took another. I did not go to the doctor for the same Jesus that healed me can give me strength. I thank God for Brother and Sister J. D. McCiver, our pastor and his wife, and for our wonderful church in Brooklyn. I thank God for all of His love and goodness. He deserves all credit and praise.—Mrs. Beulah S. Kuykendall.

Healed While at Work

BONHAM, Texas—The Lord still heals today. I want to praise Him for healing me this week while I was working on my job. I took an awful headache, but I worked until noon. After lunch I was so weak I started



to go to bed instead of going back to work, but I was impressed to pray. I began to ask Jesus to heal me and He healed me instantly. He has healed my body completely for 32 years, and He is the same sweet Jesus today. Oh, glory to His name! I went back to work at my regular hour. Some of the workers asked me why I came back since I was so sick. I told them that Jesus had healed me. Bless His name.—Mrs. Ollie Maud Law.

Praises God for His Healing Power

PINSON, Ala.—About the middle of February my sister-in-law, Helen Burnham, wrote me that she was almost dead. The doctor had told her she had ulcers in her stomach. She had let them go too long, and he thought they might be cancers. She was going to have an operation the first of March. She said to me, "I want you to pray that God will spare me. I do not want to die." That touched my heart, so I began to fast and pray. I fasted seven days without food or water. When she had the operation, they found no cancer. The doctor told them that the case got along better than any case that had ever been at that hospital. She is not a holiness woman, but she said she knew God did it.

My son got his call to the service, and left March 3. He and his wife, who have been married one and one-half years, live in Chicago and belong to the Summitt Church of God there. We prayed hard for God to deliver him, but he had to go. I fasted and prayed with all the faith I could have, for I did not want him to lose the victory. They told him he would have to go to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, so we left him in Scottsburg, Alabama, to go to Montgomery to be shipped on Tuesday. Thursday he called me and said he was in Birmingham waiting until 6:45 to go to Great Lakes, Illinois. They had put him in the Navy and were sending him just a few miles from his home, wife, and church.

On March 4, I fell and stuck a stick in my leg. It was so bad that it made a large running sore. I trust God in full for my healing. I did not put anything on it. Different ones tried to get me to put something on it, but I told them, "No, I have trusted God for 28 years, given birth to 8 children without doctors or any kind of medicine, have fasted 3 days, 7 days, 12 days, 14 days, 18 days, 21 days, 22 days, and 40 days, on different occasions." I knew I was not going to use something on a sore leg. It is well now. Thank the Lord! I am not out for name or fame, but I trust God because I love Him. He is my Saviour! It pleases Him for us to trust Him.—Mrs. J. C. Pinlon.

Healed of Heart Ailment

WHITE CLOUD, Mich.—On Sunday evening, April 15, I attended a healing campaign at the Church of God at White Cloud, Michigan, where Brother Charles Allen was holding meetings, and God instantly healed me of a heart ailment I had had for two and a half years. Brother Allen called me to the front of the church. I had been in pain through all the service. When I arrived at the front of the church, Brother Allen said to me, "You are healed already." I noticed that the pain was all gone, and I ran the length of the building and outside the church and back again with no pain at all. It just felt so good to run that I did not want to stop. On April 20, I went to Ann Arbor for a final check-up; and they told me if I had had heart trouble I did not have it then and that I could go home and go to work. I run a chain saw and work in a sawmill for several hours now without any ill effects. I praise the Lord for healing me.—George McCastle. Attested by John Page, Pastor.

Child Healed of Tonsillitis

DAVISBORO, Ga.—I thank the Lord for healing my little boy. Praise His wonderful name! My four-year-old son was very sick with tonsillitis, and his throat was swollen until he could hardly breathe. He had had tonsillitis off and on since he was a year old, but God came on the scene and touched his body last Saturday night. We prayed and rebuked the Devil and he had to take his flight and leave. Praise God! My son went to sleep and rested well all night.—Mrs. Mervin Willford.

Healed and Baptized in Holy Ghost

LAKE CITY, Tenn.—I thank God for healing my body about a year ago. I went to two doctors but they did not seem to do me any good. My back hurt and I had headaches most of the time. The doctors said I had gland trouble. The last doctor I went to gave me the address of a specialist, in Knoxville, Tennessee, and gave me a prescription for some medicine for my head. On Saturday, April, 1955, as we went to church, my wife asked me if I was going to pick up the medicine the doctor had prescribed. I told her no. I went to the altar that night and God healed me and gave me the sweet Holy Ghost. Praise God! I am still healed and filled with the Holy Ghost. I hope my testimony will help someone suffering as I was when I came to the greatest Doctor ever known—Jesus. I am a member of the Lake City Church of God. Our pastor is Brother T. R. Martin.—Mr. Luther Heatherly.

46th General Assembly of the Church of God •

Memphis, Tennessee, August 14 - 18, 1956



The Forty-sixth General Assembly of the Churches of God will convene in Memphis, Tennessee, August 14-18, 1956. The Ministers' Council begins Tuesday, August 14 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. From Wednesday through Saturday the Council will meet, 8:30 to 10 a.m. and 1:30 to 5 p.m. The General Assembly begins Tuesday, August 14, at 7 p.m., and continues through Saturday evening August 18, with services daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

—ZENO C. THARP, *General Overseer.*

Testimonies

Praises God for Christian Family

VALDOSTA, Ga.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to me and my family. The Lord spoke peace to my troubled heart twenty-one years ago, and since that time I have found just what I need in Him. When the "first Assembly Issue" of the *Evangel* came and I began to read of the progress the Church has made in the past fifty years, it made me happy to know that for twenty-one years I have been a part of this vast body of people who love God. In November, 1944, my husband was killed, leaving six children in my care. After spending thirteen months in the orphanage in Cleveland, I decided, after much prayer and seeking of God, to start out on my own, with my children. The Devil said that I could not do it, that it was impossible for a lone woman to make a home for that many, and it just could not be done. He came too late. I had already learned that I could do all things through Christ, who strengthened me. Also, I had learned that the Devil is a liar, so I let God lead me on. There have been times when the way was troublesome and the heartaches were plentiful, but the One who said, "I'll never leave thee" has always been by my side. He stood by me when it seemed that everyone else had gone. It was Jesus who came down and healed when someone was sick. It was His mercy that lifted us up when we stumbled and His grace that helped us stand the many tests that came our way. Oh, how I love Him! It seems the farther I go the sweeter the way, and I am longing for Him. When we left Cleveland eight years ago, the Devil prophesied that my children would become "children of the streets," outlaws and everything else that was bad, but again he was a liar. We are one hundred per cent a Church of God family. The second child is finishing school this year with the others close behind. The oldest one finished last year. They have never been in question with the law or the Church, but they have always enjoyed working in the church, Y.P.E., and Sunday School. Surely, God has done the work, nothing is to my credit; but I led the way and trusted God for the rest. Surely, His name deserves all the praise we can give Him. I do appreciate all those who have prayed for me and who have said encouraging words. May the Lord richly bless them. Please continue to hold us up before the throne of grace. I want to be a mother that pleases God—one to hear His "Well done" on that great day, one to reap the reward of the faithful.—Thelma Bloodworth.

Roman Catholic Girl Attends Lee College and Prepares to Become Missionary

This testimony is presented to *Evangel*

readers to honor God in the life of Miss Josephine Kon, who has had a remarkable experience of faith. She has lived by the faith of Christ in her break with Romanism, and now, by attending Lee College entirely by faith to ultimately enter upon her life's work as a missionary. Lee College is grateful that we are permitted to work with those on whom God has so marvelously wrought.—R. H. Gause, Jr.

I was reared in a home by parents who are Roman Catholics. I was taught if one was to be saved, salvation could be obtained only through the Catholic Church. I say "if," because I was also taught that no one could have the assurance of salvation.

I was honest and sincere in my belief, and lived up to all the teachings of the Catholic Church. But God, knowing my heart, began to convict me a little at a time.

I heard about the Bible, but never really knew what one was, because the priest never taught me to read it, and I was taught to obey him. One day I happened to pick up a Bible and began to look at it, reading it here and there, not able to understand a thing. It all seemed Greek to me, until one verse stuck out like a sore thumb. It was Matthew 23:9, "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." I believe that the Holy Spirit revealed this verse to me in order that I would start to think.

One of the days that I shall never forget was Good Friday in the year of 1952. I went to church with a few of the girls, and after praying on the rosary beads I sat down and just began to notice how the people were going up to the altar to kiss a crucifix. I wanted to go up and kiss the crucifix, because I had been taught all my life to do so, yet I could not make myself go.

I soon began to feel miserable in body and soul. The Catholic Mass, which once I loved, became boring to me. Confessing my sins to the priest no longer gave me relief; everything seemed to be wrong and nothing was right.

I realized that I was lost and being so was doomed for hell. But through one of God's faithful servants, who was preaching God's Word on television, I heard the good news; and that was that there was hope for me to be saved through Jesus Christ. He said all I had to do was to recognize myself as a sinner, confess my sins to God, forsake sin, and then believe on the Lord Jesus.

I repented of my sins to God and asked Him to be merciful to me a sinner. It wasn't the kind of confession that I had made from my youth up. No, it was a godly sorrow that I had for my sins. As a Catholic I was taught that one must confess his sins at least once a month, if not more, to a priest.

Although one did this he still was not given the assurance of salvation. I was taught that there was not a chance for me to ever get to heaven without first suffering in purgatory.

And I can say with Wesley that a person who is born again has a new motive for living. That motive is the motive of love, because the love of God is shed abroad in the heart of the one converted.

My sins were forgiven when I was justified, but the seed of sin still remained in me, and I did not know that this seed could ever be removed until I came in contact with some wonderful people from the Pentecostal churches. I knew that I was definitely saved, but there was something different about these people. They believed in living a holy life, and they told me that I could, too, through sanctification. They said I had to go to Jesus again and a second work of grace would be wrought in my heart by the blood of Jesus Christ. This work would kill the one seed from which all sins came.

I prayed every day to God to give me all the blessings that He had in store for me. I was told that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost was a blessing from God, and that it was for me. I was really hungry for more of God's blessings, and after careful prayer I read the book of Acts again. It was not until I came to the nineteenth chapter that I really believe that it was for me. I knew then that it was a gift of God for me, and after six months of praying and tarrying before the Lord, Jesus baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

Now I am studying here at Lee College. I really want to learn in order that I may show myself approved unto God, be a workman that is not ashamed to stand for the gospel of Jesus Christ, and be able to rightly divide the Word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). Also, I want to be somebody that God will not be ashamed of.

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Health Restored By Prayer

LA FOLLETTE, Tenn.—About two months ago I became very ill and made an appointment with a doctor in Knoxville to find my trouble. Our good pastor, Brother A. J. Phillips, Brother Loyd McCullah of Stanfield, and some of the ladies of our church began coming for prayer, and the Lord healed me. Praise His name! The pains are gone, I have regained my strength, weight, and appetite, and the symptoms of the dreadful disease I could have had are gone. Praise the Lord! I canceled my appointment with the doctor and am trusting the Lord completely and leaning on His promises.—Mrs. Everett Brown.

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1. Adler Hotel
2. Ambassador Hotel
3. Auditorium
4. Beth-El-Ethel Synagogue
5. Calvary Episcopal Church
6. Catholic Club
7. Chisco Hotel
8. Claridge Hotel
9. Columbian Mutual Tower
10. Commerce Title Bldg.
11. Confederate Park
12. Cossitt Library
13. Cotton Exchange Bldg.
14. Court Square
15. Criminal Courts Bldg.
16. Darnon Bldg.
17. DeSoto Sub-Station Post Office
18. Eighty-One Madison Bldg.
19. Empire Bldg.
20. Exchange Bldg.
21. Falls Bldg.
22. Federal Reserve Bank
23. Federal Securities Bldg.
24. First Methodist Church
25. First National Bank Bldg.
26. First Presbyterian Church
27. Frisco E. R. Bridge
28. Gayoso Hotel
29. Goodwyn Institute Bldg.
30. Grand Central Station
31. Greyhound Bus Station
32. Harahan Bridge
33. Hellenic Orthodox Church
34. Hickman Bldg.
35. Jefferson Davis Park
36. King Cotton Hotel
37. Downtown Baptist Center
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39. Loew's State Theatre
40. Malco Theatre
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45. Memphis Light, Gas & Water Divn.
46. National Bank Of Commerce
47. North Memphis Savings Bank Bldg.
48. Peabody Hotel
49. Police Station
50. Porter Bldg.
51. Post Office
52. Shelby County Court House
53. Shrine Bldg.



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56. Sterick Bldg.
57. St. Peters Catholic Church
58. Tennessee Club
59. Tennessee Hotel
60. Three Sisters Bldg.
61. Trailways Bus Station

62. Trinity Lutheran Church
63. Union Planters Bank Bldg.
64. Union Station
65. Warner Theatre
66. Western Union Bldg.
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